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In brief

Contracting closure

The 325th Contracting Squadron will close at 2 p.m. today for an official function. In case of an emergency, please call 774-1151 or 774-1152.

Legal office closure

The Base Legal Office will be closed Jan. 21, 24 and 25. During this closure claims and notary assistance will operate as normal. However, the legal team will only be able to offer emergency legal assistance. For immediate assistance, call 283-4681.

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325th Fighter Wing flying at a glance

	1FS	2FS	95FS	43FS
Sorties	1193	1207	1217	234
Goal	1201	1218	1232	406
+/-	-8	-11	-15	-172

(note: all figures year-to-date for FY05)

CSAF becomes Tyndall's newest Raptor pilot

2ND LT. WILLIAM POWELL
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

General John P. Jumper, Air Force chief of staff, held a press conference following his final F/A-22 Raptor qualification flight here Wednesday.

The general spent the last nine days qualifying in the Raptor, the Air Force's newest fighter aircraft.

"I've been involved with the Raptor program for years, in one way or another," General Jumper said. "Now, to be able to fly it and see all that it does first hand is quite remarkable. The Raptor does everything we had hoped it would do, plus some."

To become Raptor qualified, the general completed more than 50 hours in aircraft systems and avionics academics, received stealth tactics training emphasizing integrated avionics and supercruise, completed five simulator sessions and three Raptor flights.

"There are no two-seat versions of this airplane, so the instructors couldn't be kind to me because I'm the CSAF," he said. "I had to learn everything [pilots going through the program would be required to learn] to be able to deal with any emergency situation that could possibly arise in the air. The 43rd Fighter Squadron here did an outstanding job making sure that I wasn't treated any differently than any other fighter pilot, which I requested."

The general said that it is necessary for him to be Raptor qualified to know firsthand what the airframe can do to better understand how to employ it. The Air Force plans to employ it as a multi-role fighter aircraft to combat anything and anywhere airspace is contested.

"Every air force in the world is trying to figure out how to beat our Air Force. One of the ways they want to do it is through advanced surface-to-air missile systems. The Russians have built next-generation surface-to-air missiles that many nations in the



Lisa Norman

Air Force Chief of Staff General John Jumper signs a placard for Staff Sgt. Jonathan Tringali, 43rd Aircraft Maintenance Unit crew chief, Monday following one of his three F/A-22 qualification flights. The general spent nine days here learning to fly the Raptor and completed his training with a third qualification flight Thursday.

world are taking delivery of right now – not some time in the future – but today. The Raptor has the ability to dominate that airspace. So, it is not too early to get the Raptor out there and that's what we're doing," he said.

"Today I flew the Raptor at speeds exceeding 1.7 Mach without afterburners ... the aircraft's impressive stealth capability combined with its supercruise will give any adversary a very hard time."

GENERAL JOHN JUMPER
Air Force Chief of Staff

The general added that the Raptor will ensure the safety of our pilots against advanced adversary aircraft, as well.

"The Russians never got out of the fighter-building business. They are delivering air-

craft to nations around the world that outperforms anything else we have, except the Raptor. It's not just the battles we fight in Iraq and Afghanistan, but we also have to worry about what we might be up against 30 years from now. Some of the F-15s on the ramp today are 25 years old or older, and they're becoming outdated," he said.

The Raptor is an air dominance airplane that has air to ground capability, able to take out SAM systems that no other airplane can, and able to deal with emerging threats like cruise missiles, he continued.

"We're trying to replace more than 800 air planes with the right number of Raptors, which we think is 381. The Raptor will do the job not only of the F-15C, but the F-15E Strike Eagle and the F-117

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Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s dreams, legacy offer hope for many Americans

CHAPLAIN (CAPT.) WILLIAM W. COOPER JR.
Base Chapel

Few Americans have dared to dream and then express those dreams on the world's stage as eloquently as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Often referred to as a drum major for justice, Doctor King's popularity reached heroic proportions during the late 1950s and the early to late 1960s. Yet the Baptist minister, husband, and father of four declared, "For every noted hero, there have been hundreds who have labored humbly and anonymously in the vineyard of freedom..."

In a sense, Doctor King appeared to suggest that more important than the messenger was the message. Further, to begin to understand the message that Doctor King purveyed, it is important to note that he emphasized brotherhood, hope, and interdependence in

much of his written work. Author Loette Hoskins, in the text *"I Have a Dream: the quotations of Martin Luther King, Jr.,"* recorded the following:

Brotherhood: All humanity is involved in a single process, and all men are brothers. To the degree that I harm my brother, no matter what he is doing to me, to that extent I am harming myself.

Hope: We must accept finite disappointment, but we must never lose infinite hope. In the inevitable moments when all seems hopeless, men know that without hope they cannot really live, and in agonizing desperation they cry for the bread of hope.

Interdependence: In the final analysis, all men are interdependent and are thereby involved in a single process. We are inevitably our brother's keeper

because of the interrelated structure of reality. No nation or individual can live in isolation.

Although he was born in then segregated Georgia, Doctor King's message of hope and equality served as a clarion call to oppressed peoples around the world. He passionately promoted non-violent peaceful responses to dilemmas of culture.

His message was so resounding, that it led to him being awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964.

The life of Doctor King has been formerly celebrated for many years. With great enthusiasm, millions of Americans will pause to remember his legacy this month.

Here at Tyndall, a celebration of the life of this great American will be held today at 1 p.m. at Chapel 2. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

CMSAF stresses importance of enhancing Air Force's enlisted professionals

CHIEF MASTER SGT. OF THE
AIR FORCE GERALD R.
MURRAY

Today's Airmen are some of the best and brightest young men and women to ever enter public service. The dedication, courage, and innovation they consistently display on the battlefield and at home station ensures America's airpower is always ready.

We have tremendous talent within our ranks and we owe each Airman the opportunity to develop their abilities and recognize their full potential.

More than two years ago I, along with other senior Air Force leaders, carved out a developmental roadmap to deliberately grow leaders capable of taking our Air Force to the next level of excellence. Ex-



"Knowledge is power and empowering our enlisted force is what keeps us the world's premier Air Force."

CHIEF MASTER SGT. OF THE AIR FORCE
GERALD R. MURRAY

posure to the right training, education, and experience are crucial. We leverage all these

components with the recent implementation of the Enlisted Professional Enhancement Program.

This is a very important and valuable concentration on our core competency of developing Airmen. Changes you will see at the wing level include:

- Program consolidation — Career assistance advisors will lead the First Term Airmen Center and the Professional Enhancement Programs. As career specialists, these Senior NCOs will bring

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Questions or comments of general interest will be published in this forum. This avenue should only be used after coordinating problems or concerns with supervisors, commanders, first sergeants or facility managers.

If you're not satisfied with the response or you are unable to resolve the problem, call me at 283-2255.

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BRIG. GEN. JACK EGGINTON
325th Fighter Wing commander

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AF Civilians get career fields, counselors

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas —

Every Air Force civilian is now assigned to a specific career field, giving them a clear point of contact for career counseling and marking the first tangible effect of civilian career field management, said Air Force Personnel Center officials here.

Career field management is the civilian equivalent to the military's force development.

Both initiatives are aimed at deliberately developing Air Force leaders.

Each civilian position has been assigned to a career field regardless of series, grade, or pay plan and a Career Field ID has been attached to each position, said Chrissy Ayers, Standard Core Personnel Document Library Manager. Career counselor contact information and the matrix used to code each position can be viewed online

at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/cp/.

Positions that do not clearly meet the logic on the matrix will be forwarded to AFPC for a career field determination, she said.

"This is a change in how we manage and sustain the civilian force," said Ms. Ayers. "It's part of the ongoing process to bring the civilian and military personnel processes closer together."

For more information, employees located in the United States can call toll-free (800) 616-3775 (press 2 and follow the prompts). Overseas employees will first dial a toll-free AT&T direct access number for the country they are in, then 800-997-2378.

Hearing impaired employees can call TDD (800) 382-0893, or commercial (210) 565-2276 if located within the San Antonio area.

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their breadth of experience and bring excellent oversight to these important classes and seminars.

· Course standardization — Many bases had established their own professional development centers to provide Airmen, NCOs, and Senior NCOs with additional military education to bridge gaps between formal training opportunities. While some of these programs were excellent, they lacked consistency from base to base. With this initiative we'll have a solid curriculum to provide Airmen at every base the same foundation while still allowing flexibility to adapt and meet local needs.

We'll continue to tap into the talents of our most outstanding enlisted leaders to instruct and mentor their fellow Airmen. Airmen, first term through E-7 will be able to get valuable training and peer interaction. We'll continue to tie together our formal training, education, and on-the-job training to develop our Airmen's technical skills and leadership abilities. Our professional development courses will in-turn reinforce and build upon what our Airmen get in formal professional military education.

Developing Airmen continues to be one of our top priorities and the Professional Enhancement Program is another step in taking care of our most valuable resource — our people. Knowledge is power and empowering our enlisted force is what keeps us the world's premier Air Force.

Tyndall raises money for tsunami victims

CHRISTINE SULLIVAN

325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Members of Team Tyndall are collecting donations here through Jan. 21 to aid victims of the devastating earthquake and subsequent tsunami that struck parts of Southeast Asia recently.

A collective donation will be presented to the United Way of Northwest Florida on behalf of Team Tyndall. Monies raised are earmarked for use in short-term aid efforts and the long-term rebuilding of infrastructure in those affected areas.

"This is a great opportunity to help those who have been affected by this

terrible disaster, and Tyndall's servicemembers, civilians, retirees and their families have a long history of providing assistance in times of need," said Brig. Gen. Jack Egginton, 325th Fighter Wing commander.

To date, fifty volunteers from Tyndall have stepped up to assist in the collection of individual donations, and a table will be set up at the Base Exchange to accept additional donations today.

Special approval was given by the U.S. Air Force Office of Personnel Management in authorizing this on-base solicitation.



If you would like to make a donation to assist victims of the tsunami, contact your first sergeant or designated squadron representative.

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What does MLK Jr.'s legacy mean to you?



"His accomplishments helped establish the foundation for freedom for all, and it took a lot to make it happen."

AIRMAN 1ST CLASS CHRIS DONOVAN
325th Comptroller Squadron



"The day reminds me of the workings of a great man to ensure/promote equality among all. May his strivings and works continue."

TECH. SGT. HILDA MOSES
HQ Air Force Reserve Command



"He empowered people to question the legitimacy of unjust laws."

CAPT. WILLIAM VERNON
Base Legal Office



"MLK Jr.'s legacy means freedom for all with the ability to serve your fellow men with your heart and in honesty and truth."

SENIOR MASTER SGT. JAMES HENDRICKS
HQ Air Force Reserve Command

Tyndall Airman awarded medal for beach rescue

2ND LT. WILLIAM POWELL
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

A 325th Medical Group member received the Airman’s Medal during a ceremony in the Air Control Squadron auditorium here Jan. 5.

Airman 1st Class Matthew Bolado, 325th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron Aerospace Physiology technician,

earned the medal for an act of heroism during a Tyndall Beach drowning rescue in May 2003.

“It’s an honor to present you this medal,” said Brig. Gen. Jack Egginton, 325th Fighter Wing commander. “There’s no better way to be a wingman than to risk your life on behalf of your fellow Airmen. If bullets were flying that

day rather than pounding waves, you’d be receiving a Silver Star, an Air Force Cross or a Congressional Medal of Honor.”

More than three individuals owe their life to Airman Bolado, who claims his mother as his inspiration for diving into the treacherous waters that day.

“My mom always told me to help others in need, so I didn’t even hesitate to help,” Airman Bolado said.

He pulled one man to shore who initially tried to help two drowning teenagers but fell victim himself to the strong current and riptide. Airman Bolado then swam more than 100 yards to help rescue the teenagers, he said.

“I could barely see a red dot in the distance as I swam to the teenagers. I quickly became exhausted as the waves pounded against me and I took in a lot of water. I wondered if I would become a victim myself, but I kept going. When I reached them, I looked back and could barely see the beach,” he said.

With the help of other rescuers, Airman Bolado successfully towed the exhausted and dehydrated victims back to shore on a floatation de-

vice.

“It took even more energy getting back since we were towing other individuals, but when we arrived, the ambulance showed up and treated them.”

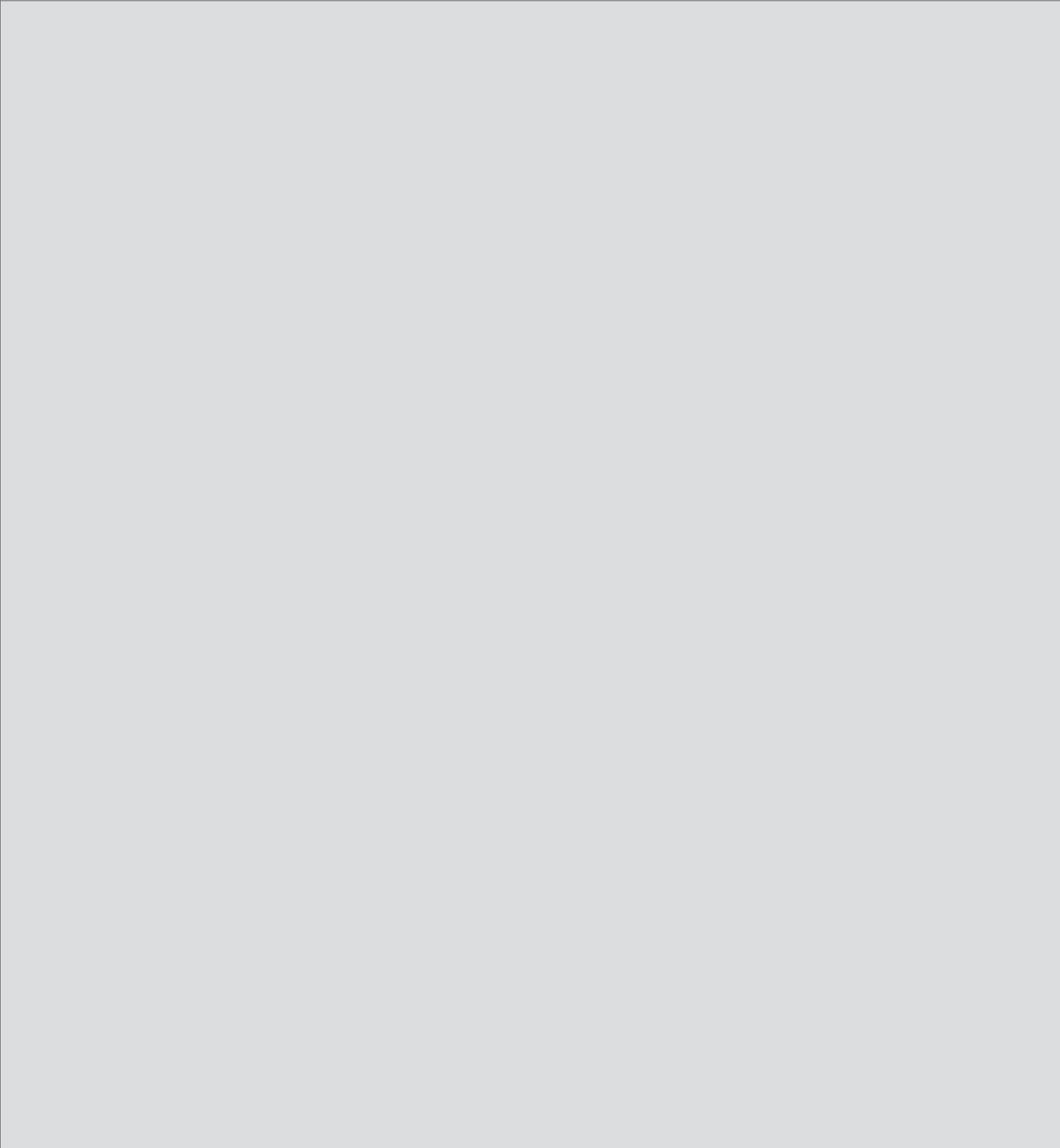
Nearly two years later, Airman Bolado can proudly wear his Airman’s Medal, but he said he didn’t do it for the medal.

“When I met up with the victims later on, they thanked me, and it felt good just knowing they’re still doing well,” he said. “Airman’s Medals aren’t awarded very often anymore, so it is an honor to receive it, but it was just common instinct to help.”



Lisa Norman

Three-year-old Mason Bolado receives a wing coin from Brig. Gen. Jack Egginton, 325th Fighter Wing commander. Mason is the son of Airman 1st Class Matthew Bolado, a 325th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron aerospace physiology technician who was awarded the Airman's Medal during a ceremony held here Jan. 5. Airman Bolado received the medal for his role in the rescue of three potential drowning victims at one of Tyndall’s beaches.



DOD implements new sexual-assault prevention policy

DONNA MILES
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFP) — Defense Department officials here Jan. 4 announced sweeping changes in how the military handles sexual assaults, with uniform policies and procedures that apply to all servicemembers, wherever they are at home station or deployed.

Dr. David S.C. Chu, undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness, said the changes, laid out in 11 new memorandums sent to Congress and the military services, “will change the way the military handles sexual assault, from the operations arena all the way to culture of the institution, in a profound and lasting way.”

The new DOD policy focuses on three major areas: enhanced education and training to help prevent assaults, improved treatment and support for victims, and a better system for investigating and prosecuting offenders.

Dr. Chu said the changes are designed to help build a “climate of confidence” that instills trust in victims that they will get the care they need, while instilling in all servicemembers that “this crime will not be tolerated.”

The goal of the new policies is to standardize programs and policies throughout the DOD to improve prevention of sexual assault, enhance victim support and increase accountability, officials said.

Dr. Chu acknowledged that the military’s traditional victim-response system did not provide the level of care and support that victims need.

“We are moving aggressively to put new systems in place to address this shortcoming,” he said. “The well-being of victims is a priority for us, and we are doing whatever it will take to ensure they get the best possible care.”

This support begins with a

better system for reporting and investigating sexual assaults that is more sensitive to victims’ privacy and confidentiality, Dr. Chu said. Final details of that effort are still being worked out but are expected to be resolved soon, possibly within the week,

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DR. DAVID S.C. CHU
Undersecretary of Defense for personnel and readiness

he said.

DOD’s sexual-assault policy will also ensure uniform standards of care, “so no matter where you are or what branch you serve in, you will have the same support systems and the same response personnel available to you,” he said. New re-

porting guidelines and protocols will ensure an appropriate and timely response that Dr. Chu said will treat victims with “the dignity and respect they deserve.”

He stressed this will apply to forces wherever they might be deployed on the globe.

“All of these services should be available to everyone, everywhere,” he said.

Ensuring that victims get this care will be the job of the newly established sexual-assault response coordinators. Dr. Chu said these officials will serve as a single point of contact to coordinate sexual-assault victim care. Once the concept is fully implemented, the coordinators will be at every military installation around the world, he said.

The new policy calls for consistent sexual assault prevention education and training that begins in basic training and continues

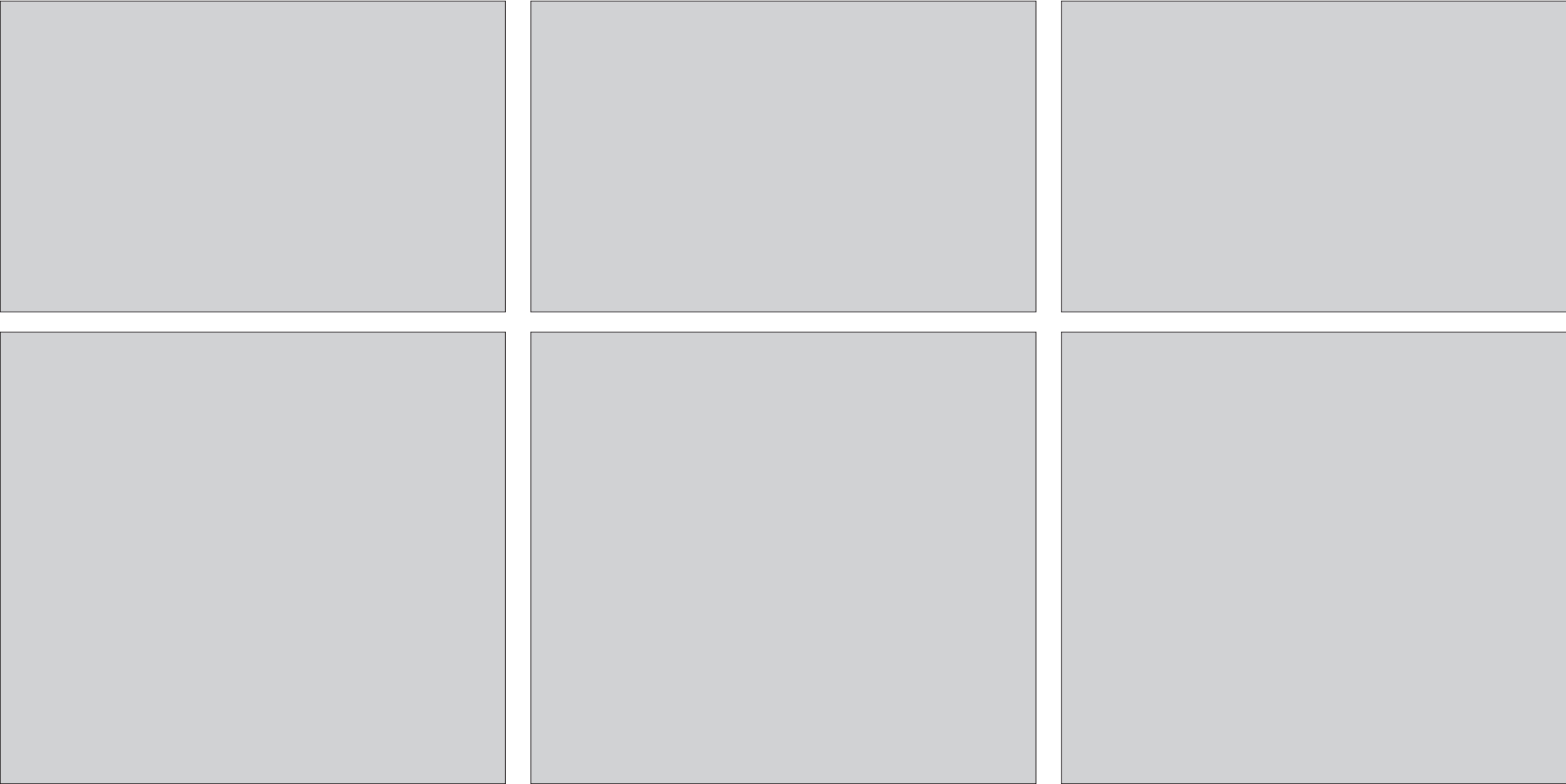
throughout the servicemembers’ military careers.

The most basic part of the training includes clear-cut definitions of what constitutes sexual harassment, sexual assault and other sexual-related offenses. Dr. Chu said this will help “eliminate confusion and uncertainty about which actions constitute which offense.”

Other training will be geared to first responders and commanders on dealing with cases of sexual assault within their ranks.

Brig. Gen. K.C. McClain, commander of Joint Task Force Sexual Assault Prevention and Response, said the new sexual-assault policy “will make a tremendous difference in the lives of the men and women in our services.”

Despite what she called “huge strides,” she acknowledged that the new policy is not an “overnight solution.” Implementing the new policy in an effective way “will take time,” she said.



Military Children Scholarships application deadline nears

ADAM AUSTIN
Defense Commissary Agency

FORT LEE, Va. – There’s still time to submit an application to the Scholarships for Military Children program. The deadline for the \$1,500 scholarships is Feb. 16 and all applications must be delivered to the commissary by the close of business that day. At least one scholarship will be awarded at every commissary location with qualified applicants.

The application can be downloaded through a link on the front page of www.commissaries.com or downloaded directly from www.militaryscholar.org and filled out by hand or on the computer. Copies of the application are also available at commissaries worldwide.

Defense Commissary Agency program liaison Edna Hoogewind stresses students should put emphasis on writing the essay portion of the application.

“In past years the essay has been a key factor in deciding among the many outstanding applicants,” she said. “This year’s topic is ‘How has the heightened awareness of terrorism impacted your life?’”

Students who are not hand-delivering applications are advised to use a delivery method that supplies a return receipt. Applicants may visit www.militaryscholar.org and click on the “Verification of Receipt” section.

Scholarship managers will respond to verification of receipt e-mails until June 15.

Applicants should check all materials carefully for simple things, like making sure the application is signed or that it’s the 2005 application, not one from previous years.

The scholarship program is open to unmarried children under the age of 21 (23 if enrolled in school) of active duty personnel, including Coast Guard, Guard and Reserve, and retired military. Eligibility will be determined using the Defense Enrollment Eligibility

Reporting System database. Applicants should ensure that they, as well as their sponsor, are currently enrolled in the DEERS database and have a current ID card.

The applicant must be planning to attend, or already attending, an accredited college or university full-time in the fall term of 2005, or be enrolled in a program of study designed to transfer directly into a four-year program. Additional instructions can be found on the application or at www.militaryscholar.org.

Fisher House Foundation, a nonprofit organization best known for building comfort homes near military medical facilities, administers the Scholarships for Military Children program. Scholarship Managers, a professional firm that has handled more than 400 programs, screens applicants and awards scholarships. Neither Fisher House nor DeCA is involved in the decision process.

The Scholarships for Military Children program is in its fifth year and has awarded nearly 3,000 scholarships and more than \$3 million since the first scholarship was awarded. Scholarships are primarily funded through voluntary donations of the various manufacturers, brokers and suppliers that sell products in commissaries. The general public can also contribute through a link at www.militaryscholar.org.

• **Children of active duty military, Guard, Reserve and military retirees are encouraged to apply for a \$1,500 Military Children Scholarship.**

• **Applications can be downloaded at www.commissaries.com or www.militaryscholar.org.**

• **Applications will be accepted until Feb. 16.**

• **Visit www.militaryscholar.org for more information.**

Checkertail Salute

Airman 1st Class Kristy Stafford




Duty title: 1st Fighter Squadron aviation resource manager
Time on station: One year and nine months
Time in service: Three years and one month
Hometown: Tallahassee, Fla.
Hobbies: Working out, reading, church
Goals: To become a nurse
Favorite book: The Bible
Favorite movie: The Color Purple
Favorite thing about Tyndall: Working with the honor guard
Pet peeves: Sloppy people
Proudest moment in the military: Winning Airman of the Quarter in 2003

The Checkertail Salute is a 325th Fighter Wing commander program designed to recognize Tyndall's Warrior of the Week. Supervisors can nominate individuals via their squadron and group commanders. Award recipients receive a certificate, letter from the commander and a one-day pass.

Airman Stafford receives the Checkertail Salute Warrior of the Week award from Brig. Gen. Jack Egginton, 325th Fighter Wing commander.

The Checkertail Clan salutes Airman Stafford, who maintained 100 percent accuracy while tracking, inputting and auditing more than 7,000 training events for 49 pilots. Airman Stafford is also a member of the Base Honor Guard and has participated in 56 details representing the wing totaling more than 284 hours.



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Congratulations Air Battle Manager Class 05005

The 325th Air Control Squadron graduated 12 students Wednesday from the squadron's air battle manager course. The graduates are (front row, from left) 2nd Lts. Jackie Lueke, Jennifer Hanser, Kristin Buchanan, Lynn Senior and Erin Mehaffie. (Back row, from left) 2nd Lt. Stephen Eschmann, 1st Lt. David Nolan, 2nd Lts. Nate Hartman, Carl Mortensen, Mike McNabb, Brad Combs and Shane Garrison. Far right is Capt. David Bartels, Class 05005 flight commander.

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Nighthawk, as well. We're trying to replace virtually three types of airplanes with the Raptor with numbers that are less than half of what we had before," he said.

And the Raptor pilots will safely execute each mission behind the controls of the fastest jet in operation.

"Today I flew the Raptor at speeds exceeding 1.7 Mach without afterburners," he said. "To be able to go that fast without afterburners means that nobody can get you in their sights or get a lock on. The aircraft's impressive stealth capability combined with its supercruise will give any adversary a very hard time."



General John Jumper, Air Force Chief of Staff, speaks to members of the local media here following his final qualification flight in the F/A-22 Raptor. The general spent nine days here learning to fly the Air Force's newest Air Dominance fighter.

Ten-month top off course offers Tyndall officer air traffic controllers larger scope of responsibility

AIRMAN 1ST CLASS SARAH MCDOWELL
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Two aircraft are flying toward one another in bad weather, and the pilots have no visual reference of where they are. While this scenario may seem like a recipe for disaster, it is actually a common occurrence.

This is where air traffic controllers come in. This dedicated group of professionals gets the coordinates of the aircraft and directs them safely away from

each other. Although the pilots may not be able to see where they or other aircraft are, the controllers' eyes are on the skies, and they stand ready to help aircraft reach their destination safely.

Tyndall is where officers get "live," on-the-job training. After spending four months at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., learning air traffic control fundamentals, about 40 officers go through a 10-month program here each year to gain experience in three aspects of airfield operations: Radar Approach Control, or RAPCON, control tower operations and airfield management.

"Here, we basically give them practical application of the basics they learn at Keesler," said Capt. Joseph Meaux, 325th Operations Support Squadron chief of airfield operations. "It is on-the-job training, from how to write an EPR to managing the airfield. This is how it is in the real world."

During the RAPCON training, officers get certification in two positions – approach and approach-assist control. During this training, they learn how to guide military and civilian aircraft safely through the sky in a radius of 40 to 60 miles from the ATC tower.

"The approach person communicates with air pilots," said 1st Lt. Gary Nowak, air traffic control student. "The assist will coordinate between other positions, other scopes and other bases."

When communicating with the pilots at the ap-

proach position, the main objective is to keep the aircraft at a safe distance from each other, which is three miles apart, and guide them into the next position, either closer to or through the airspace.

"Tyndall is the best place to train because there are many examples of different aircraft and different airspaces," Lieutenant Nowak said.

During tower training, officers learn the local position, where they guide incoming and through aircraft within a five-mile radius from the tower.

"We train for about an hour to two hours each day in the tower, then we train in the tower simulator for an hour or two and do a lot of bookwork and academics," said 2nd Lt. Owen Brickett, 325th OSS air traffic controller.

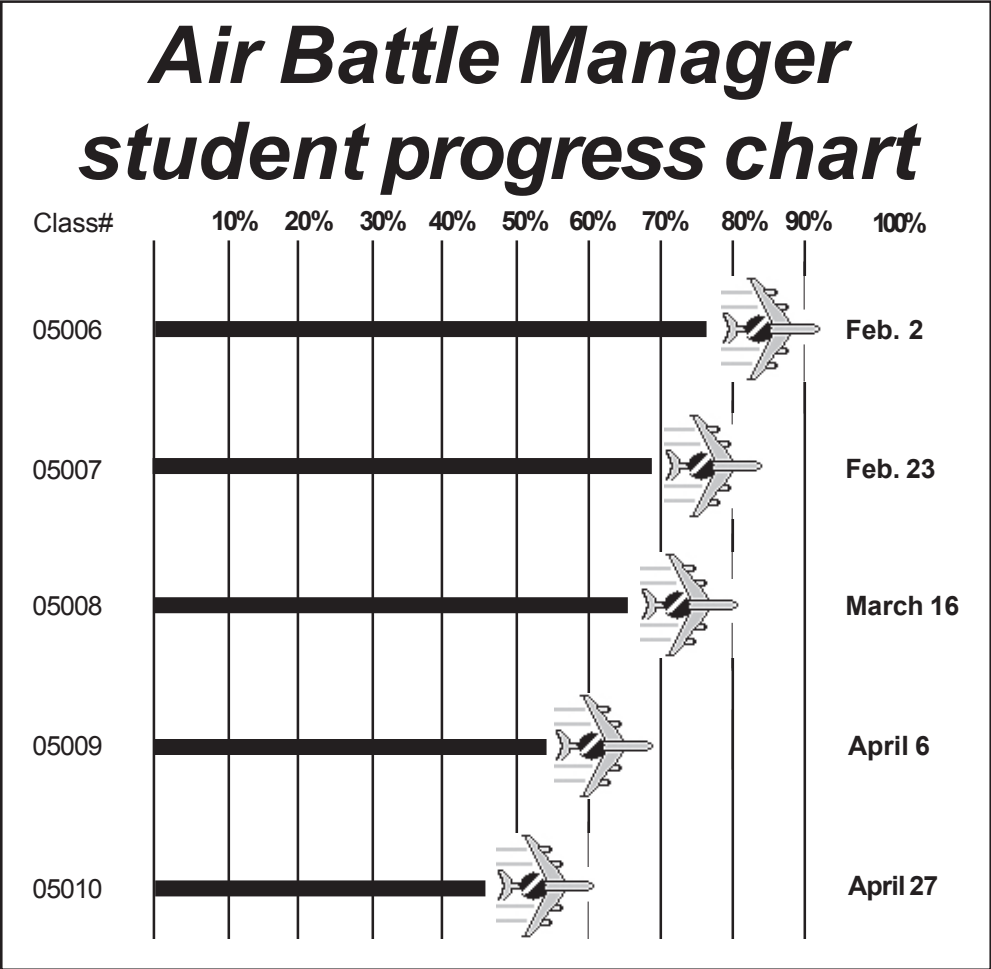
Officer student controllers are assigned a trainer, usually a junior enlisted Airman, and are able to begin directing live traffic in and around Tyndall's airspace at the trainer's discretion.

"While doing tower and RAPCON training, officers also have management training," said Lieutenant Brickett, "There, we learn how to supervise and manage the flight and all the different AFSCs."

"I think the format of the program is very beneficial to the long term success of its lieutenants," Captain Meaux said. "Our career field has a large scope of responsibility, and this program gives them a really good foundation to build a successful career."



1st Lt. Gary Nowak trains with Airman 1st Class Tania Febres-Cordero, 325th OSS air traffic controller, while directing live traffic in the RAPCON portion of airfield management training.



Hands-on tour
Captain Catherine Hugues, NATO Training Wing surveillance controller, explains Situational Display Console features to 2nd Lt. Gerrit Dalman, seated, 325th Air Control Squadron air battle manager student and Douglas Austin, 2nd Fighter Squadron standards and evaluations officer, during a tour of an NATO E-3 Sentry Airborne Warning and Control System aircraft here Tuesday. Air battle manager students eventually serve as controllers on board AWACS-type aircraft once their training here is complete.



Bernita Law, a Tyndall Thrift Shop volunteer, wraps glassware for a thrift shop customer before placing the items in a bag.



Irene and Cliff Treadway look at clothing items for sale during a visit to the Tyndall Thrift Shop.

Thrift shop

SENIOR AIRMAN BENJAMIN ROJEK
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

It's quite a philanthropist who can give away more than \$20,000 to a variety of scholarships and charities, but the Tyndall Thrift Shop, run by the Officers' Spouses' Club here, helps the OSC do just that every year.

And they do it with a smile.

"We like to give to others who need things more than we do," said Donna Dickerson, who has been managing the thrift shop since August.

The Tyndall Thrift Shop not only raises money for local and base charities, they do it by offering great deals on merchandise to the entire base populace in a customer friendly setting.

"I always hear customers making comments on how our prices are lower than at other stores out there," said Mrs. Dickerson. "I have also heard wonderful comments about how good this shop looks and how it so organized."

One such customer is Mary Kottle, who has been shopping at the thrift shop for the last nine years.

"There have been some very nice changes done



Captain Josef Lustig, 325th Air Control Squadron

raises spirits, money

here,” said Mrs. Kottle. “It is very neat and tidy. This is a good place to browse.”

“We have worked hard to make this place presentable, a place people will want to come and shop,” said Mrs. Dickerson.

All the hard work is done solely by volunteers. “The volunteers are great workers,” she said, “and it’s a lot of work. There are 350 plus volunteer hours per month split between 26 volunteers.

“These people are helping the base and the community,” Mrs. Dickerson continued. “We try to give back to our volunteers. They get a first shot at merchandise. Our regular volunteers who work six hours per month get donated items at half price.”

Even with these incentives for volunteers, the thrift shop still needs more people to come by and help.

“We can always use more help,” she said. “Whether it’s straightening the merchandise, deterring shoplifters or working the cash register, we need as much as help as possible to improve this place.

“Many people may not realize it, be we are the main money raiser for the OSC,” Mrs. Dickerson added. “Thousands of dollars go to charities and scholarships. It feels really good doing things like that.”

According to the Tyndall Thrift Shop flyer, those who want to help out through donating items can leave their goods in the donation box in front of the thrift shop. People looking to consign items may do so Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Items are consigned from eight to 10 weeks, after which time they may either be picked up or become thrift shop property. Those who consign items will receive 75 percent of the asking price when the item is sold, and the other 25 percent goes to the thrift shop.

People looking to volunteer can stop by the thrift shop during its open hours, Wednesday to Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and the first Saturday of month from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., and speak with Mrs. Dickerson. Or they can call the Tyndall Thrift Shop at 286-5888.



Fatima Easterwood, a Tyndall Thrift Shop customer, looks at items in the household goods section of the store. The thrift shop carries everything from videos and household items to children's clothing.



Bob Russell, a retired Air Force technical sergeant, looks at a child's car seat. The thrift shop is open to active duty, Guard, Reserve and retired military members, as well as dependents and civilians who work on base.



Photos by Senior Airman Benjamin Rojek

n instructor, purchases thrift shop items from Amy Medlock, a Tyndall Thrift Shop volunteer.



From right: Barb Fantaski, a regular customer at the Tyndall Thrift shop, receives some forms from Mary Horn, a thrift shop volunteer, for a consignment. People who consign items receive 75 percent of the asking price for goods sold.

Briefs

Tyndall announces 2005 open house

The 2005 Gulf Coast Salute open house and air show, "A Salute to North America," takes place here May 14-15. The Canadian Snowbirds, an internationally renowned nine-jet aerial demonstration team, will be the featured highlight, along with the U.S. Army's Golden Knights parachute jump team. Many other military and civilian aerial and ground demos and displays will be showcased. Periodically, the *Gulf Defender* and Commander's Access Channel will provide further updates and announcements about this event. Questions about the open house can be e-mailed to: PAcontacts@tyndall.af.mil.

Optometry and Physical Therapy closure

The Optometry and Physical Therapy clinics will be closed today. They will be moving from Bldg. 856 to the main clinic facility. The clinics will reopen in the main clinic's on the second floor Jan. 18. Emergencies dial 911. For non-urgent clinic discussion call 283-7603.

The Air Force Virtual Ed Center

The Air Force Virtual Education Center, at afvec.langley.af.mil, provides information about educational information and benefits. The purpose of this site is to provide students one-stop-shopping for all higher education needs. AFVEC offers a wide array of on-line services to empower students to actively participate in all aspects of their education. These service offers CLEP testing, working towards Community College of the Air Force degree, applying for commissioning or testing for PME completion.

OSC scholarship

Tyndall Officers' Spouses Club college scholarship applications are now available for qualified college bound high school seniors and military spouses. Applications can be picked up at high school guidance counselors office or at the Tyndall Education Center. Deadline for application return is noon Feb. 25. For more information, call 286-1447.

CE closure

Civil Engineer customer service personnel will provide Facility Managers'

Under one roof

A Tyndall family waits in the new Pediatrics office at the 325th Medical Group clinic here. The new section, which also includes Family Practice and Women's Health, opened in June 2004, but the group held an open house Monday. The clinic renovation, valued at more than \$8 million, began in Dec. 2002 to consolidate all medical facilities under one roof. Only Life Skills and the Health and Wellness Center reside away from the main clinic building.



2nd Lt. William Powell

Annual Refresher training (makeup sessions) 8 – 11 a.m. or 1 – 3 p.m., Jan. 25, at the NCO Academy Auditorium Bldg. 837. This is mandatory training for all facility managers that have not attended this yearly training.

Mens varsity softball team

Those interested in trying out for the Tyndall AFB Men's Varsity Softball Team need to attend the meeting at 3 p.m. Jan. 21 in the main lounge of the community activities center. Those who cannot attend, but are interested in trying out please contact Eric North at 283-2054 or email eric.north@tyndall.af.mil.

325th OSS Change of Command

Lt. Col. Steven Schneider will relinquish command to Lt. Col. James Richter at 3:25 p.m. Jan. 21 in front of the Air Control Tower. In case of inclement weather, report to the 43rd Fighter Squadron hangar. For more information, contact 2nd Lt. David Pratt at 283-2263.

RAO position open

The Retiree Activities Office has a director position open. The RAO director writes for the base paper, puts a newsletter together and attends retiree council conferences. To apply, call 283-2737 from 9 a.m. to noon Monday - Friday.

Wood Manor housing project

This month, the 325th Civil Engineer Squadron will begin replacing existing water mains in the Wood Manor Housing area. A letter identifying the times of periodic water outages will be placed on resident's doors prior to any known impact. This project will tentatively complete all utility replacement in Wood Manor Housing. For more information, call Huey Moore at 283-4206.

Commissary Closures:

Monday (Martin Luther King's Birthday)
Feb. 21 (Presidents Day)

Annual Beach Cleanup

The Annual Tyndall Beach Cleanup will be from 8-11 a.m. Saturday. Volunteers should meet at the beach pavilion. For more information, contact ChiQuita George at 283-4498. Beverages and T-shirts will be provided.

In home child care

Off-base in-home childcare with reasonable rates. Military family will take up to two children from same family. For more information, call Christine at 215-5552.

Classifieds

Shed

8' x 10' Metal Shed
\$50.00; you haul
Wood Manor Housing

For more information, call Brad or Cara at 286-5245.

House hold items

Dark brown suede material sofa and love-seat. Brand new, perfect condition. Will sell for \$700 or best offer. Call 624-0786.

2002 Ford Mustang for sale

Dark blue, tan interior. Automatic, six cylinder. 25,000 miles, still under factory warranty. Great condition. six-disc CD, automatic driver seat and windows. Cruise control. Must sell. For more information, call 624-0786 or 624-7647.

Garage Sales

2865 A Sabre Drive

Garage sales are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays.

Chapel Schedule

Catholic services

Daily Mass, 11:30 a.m. Monday-Friday (Chapel 2)

Reconciliation (before Saturday Mass or by appointment)

Saturday Mass, 5 p.m. (Chapel 2)

Sunday Mass, 9:30 a.m. (Chapel 2)

Religious Education, 11 a.m. (Bldg. 1476)

Protestant Sunday services

Communion service, 9:30 a.m. (Chapel 1)

Religious education classes, 9:30-10:30 (Bldg. 1476)

General Protestant service, 11 a.m. (Chapel 2)

Sunday Night Live Service, 6 p.m. (Chapel 1)

Tyndall Airmen save lives, careers

AIRMAN 1ST CLASS SARAH McDOWELL

325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Driving while intoxicated continues to be a problem throughout the Air Force, but one group at Tyndall is stepping up to reduce the number of incidents and possible fatalities.

Each weekend Airmen volunteer their time to keep intoxicated Airmen off the roads through a program called Airmen Against Drunk Driving.

In 2004, 356 Airmen called AADD, potentially saving the lives of not only the impaired Airmen, but other drivers as well, and this year, the program has already racked up eight saves.

Program volunteers provide military members of all ranks, who have valid military identification, with a free, safe ride home within the local area. AADD provides a list of volunteer Airmen E-1 through E-4 who are available from 5 p.m. to 5 a.m. every Friday and Saturday.

The program operates under a non-retribution policy, and the identities of those who use the service remain completely anonymous.

While some may not feel comfortable using the service for fear someone they know may find out, the consequences of driving while intoxicated far outweigh their concerns.

"Some of the consequences military members face if caught while driving intoxicated include the loss of driving privileges, non-judicial punishment such as an

Article 15, court martial, a bad conduct discharge or dismissal from the Air Force," said Senior Airman Vesta Anderson, 325th Air Control Squadron weapons technician and AADD program director.

"Furthermore, actions could include forfeiture of all pay and allowances, confinement, reduction in rank and criminal charges if the individual is involved in a fatal accident."

Airmen who volunteer in the program cite the sense of accomplishment in helping fellow Airmen, as well as the chance to do something positive for the community as motivators.

"It makes me feel safe knowing I am helping to keep drunk drivers off the road," said Senior Airman Austin Weeks, 325th Medical Support Squadron and an AADD volunteer.

That's what Tyndall Airmen envisioned when they organized the program more than five years ago here. The idea started small and was originally funded by the volunteers who ran it, but now it has grown into a base program that receives help from professional organizations such as Tyndall's Top 3, Chiefs Group, First Sergeants and the Air Force Sergeants Association, Airman Anderson said.

Tyndall Airmen and dependents who would like to use the services can call 381-0008. Airmen who would like to volunteer to be drivers or "ride-alongs" can call Airman Anderson at 283-3296 or e-mail vesta.anderson@tyndall.af.mil.

Tyndall Tigers sweep court

The Tyndall Tigers men's varsity basketball team took two victories from the visiting Eagles of Eglin Air Force Base in regular season play Saturday and Sunday.

In Saturday's game, the Tigers jumped out to an early lead with a stellar defensive effort as they held Eglin to only four points, maintaining a 15-4 lead during the first eight minutes of the opening stanza.

Tyndall raced to a 38-23 lead behind Tysen Pina's 13 first-half points. In the second half, the action went back and forth, with Eglin making several runs only to see the Tigers come alive to regain the momentum of the game to take the double digit victory with a score of 87-70.

Omar Johnson paced the Tigers in scoring with a game-high 24 points, followed by Tysen Pina with 23, and Tommy Nixon and Anthony Showers with 11 points each. Steve Ford led Eglin in scoring with 22 points.

Sunday's game saw Tyndall again jump out to an early lead,

which they maintained throughout the first half as the Tigers led 34-23 at the half time intermission. In the second half, the Tigers lead ballooned to more than 20 points as they again took a double digit win beating the Eagles 83-59.

Tysen Pina paced the Tigers in scoring with a game and season high 27 points, followed by Mark Pough with 16 and Anthony Showers with 10 points. Montgomery and Pina led in rebounding with 14 and 11 respectively. Mariel Eubanks paced Eglin in scoring with 15 points.

The Tigers will travel to Eglin AFB this weekend to compete in the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Men's Basketball Tournament. The Tigers will seek to extend their two-year run as tournament champions. They are scheduled to take the court tomorrow at 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. For more information, contact the Eglin Fitness Center at (850) 882-4421 or DSN 872-4421.

(Courtesy of the Tyndall Tigers)

Tyndall dorms 'battle' for prizes in base competition

STEVE RIDDLE

325th Services Squadron publicist

With one contest to go, the Tyndall Community Center's second annual Dorm World event is still up for grabs.

Five Tyndall dorms are vying for nearly \$1,000 in prize money for a dorm party.

"Our final Dorm World event, the Battle of the Dorms Challenge, will be held Saturday starting at 11 a.m. at the Community Center," said Jean Cole, Tyndall Community Center director. "It will consist of three events – the balance beam, tricycle race, and the Frisbee toss."

The Dorm World is an AETC event designed to give base dorm residents a variety of activities during the holiday months of November, December and January. Different events are held during this time, with each dorm earning

points towards a victory.

"We held our kickoff party in late October, where we explained the rules to everyone," Ms. Cole explained. "Our events that led up to tomorrow's challenge were a scavenger hunt, 5K run, and a bowling tournament."

The scavenger hunt was a two-day contest which began Nov. 11. A long list of items to be found were handed out to each of the participating dorms – 1036, 1046, 1149, 1680 and the Quad. Silk pink roses, foreign postage stamps, and car antenna decorations were just a few of the items needed.

Dorm 1046 won, earning themselves five points. Dorm 1149 and the Quad tied for second, netting four points apiece. Dorms 1680 and 1036 failed to finish, and earned no points.

The second event, the 5K

run, was held in conjunction with the Tyndall Fitness Center's annual Turkey Trot 5K Fun Run / Walk.

"We combined our run with the gym's annual Turkey Trot, and gave points based on the number of people participating," Ms. Cole stated. "We also had \$20 gift certificates to local area merchandisers that our participants had a chance to win."

Dorm 1036 won this event, but only took home two points, since only two dorms participated in the run. Dorm World rules state that points are determined by the number of dorms participating in an event.

Dorm 1046 tallied another point for a second place finish and stretched their overall lead to two points over 1149 and the Quad.

The victory by 1036 put them

on the board and just behind second.

The Dorm World moved to the Raptor Lanes Bowling Center Dec. 7 for the third contest. A three-game bowling tournament was scheduled, but as Ms. Cole explained, points would be given out not only for scores, but for the number of people from each dorm who showed up.

The scoring system made for a possible swing in the standings, but again Dorm 1046 came on strong, winning both categories. Three dorms participated in the bowling tournament, giving 1046 three points for score and three points for participation. Dorm 1036 came in second in both categories, earning four points total. The Quad took third in both.

After the third contest, Dorm 1046 sits atop the field with 12 points, and the Quad and 1036 are

locked in a tie for second with six points apiece. Dorm 1149 has four points, and 1680 has none. However, since the last event will consist of three contests that will each be scored separately, even last place has a chance to tie for first or take second outright.

"The thing about this final 'Battle of the Dorms' event is that even a losing team right now could come back and win," Ms. Cole said.

What the winner will receive is a party for their dorm that includes a band or a DJ, food and T-shirts. Second place's prize money will go towards food for their party.

"Next week we'll get with whatever dorm wins or gets second place and help coordinate their party with them," she said.

For more information on this or any other Community Center event, call 283-2495.



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All Ranks at the Enlisted Club Dinner and A Movie

Thurs., Jan. 20

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Oriental Buffet 5-7 p.m.
Movie 7 p.m.

Buffet style dinner: \$6.95

Member price: \$5.95

Non-Member Children: \$3.95

Children age 7 and under eat free.

Youth under age 16 must be
accompanied by an adult.

Movies subject to availability.

283-4357

OFFICERS' CLUB ALL RANKS TYNDALL MARDI GRAS

FEB. 4, 2005 5 P.M.

Pre-party parade:
4:20 p.m.
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MEMBERS \$12.95
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FEB. 4, 2005 4:20 P.M.

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1ST PLACE FLOAT \$300
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283-3485

Breakfast at the Community Center Snackbar

Only \$3.00 - 6:30-10 a.m.

2 eggs prepared any way,
hashbrown or grits, your
choice of sausage, bacon or ham,
white or wheat toast.

Call in your to go order: 283-2814

Outdoor Recreation

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February 6-9 Swim with the Manatees

Cost per person \$245. Journey to Crystal
River, winter home of over 300 gentle
giants. Experience the underwater
sanctuary of a life form fast becoming
extinct. Cost includes 3 night's
accommodations, transportation, 2-day
boat rental, Bonita Bay wet suit (limited
sizes), mask/snorkel fin combo, dry bag,
admission to Homosassa Springs State
Wildlife Park and the Tampa State Fair
admission. A \$50 nonrefundable deposit
will guarantee your space. Trip must be
paid in full 7 days prior to departure. A
mandatory pre-trip meeting will be
scheduled.

ATTENTION! Information Tickets, and Travel

Is now located at the
Community Center

Tickets are available
Tue.-Fri.: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
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ITT Can Supply You With:
Discount Movie Tickets
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for more information call:
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Travel Agent on Duty:
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The agent can provide
information and book
Airline Flights, Cruises &
Lodging
Call 283-2864

Youth Center

☎ 283-4366

Gymnastics Instructor Wanted

The Youth Center is looking to expand our
Instructional Programs by incorporating
Gymnastics and Tumbling classes for all ages.
We are looking for a Gymnastics Instructor to
start classes as soon as possible. If you are
interested and have the necessary qualifications
contact Andy at 283-4366.

Youth Center

Baseball & Softball Registration

Jan. 18 - Feb. 14

All youth ages 5-14 may register. A birth
certificate, shot records, and a current
physical exam (not older than 1 year, as of 1
July, 04) due at time of registration. Skills
evaluation for new players ages 9-12 and
13-14 on Feb. 12. Practice begins Feb.-Mar.
and games begin Mar.-April.

Age Groups	Cost
Coach Pitch.....5-6 yrs	\$25
Machine Pitch.....7-8 yrs	\$30
Minor Majors.....9-10 yrs	\$35
Little Majors.....11-12 yrs	\$40
Dizzy Dean.....13-14 yrs	\$50
Girls Softball...10-12, 13-14 yrs	\$40

Additional \$10 For non-members of Youth Center

Sports Page Pizza Pub at the CAC

Karaoke

Jan: 12 & 26

Open Mic Night

Are you a singer, musician,
comedian or poet?

Come out and join us!

Jan. 19, 5 to 9 p.m.

1/2 off all Appetizers
\$1.00 Beverage Specials

Call at 283-3222
or 283-2495
for more information



Football Frenzy at the Pizza Pub

Bldg. 1027 on Louisiana Ave.

Prizes include: an XBOX system, T-shirts, coolers
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For more information
283-3222 / 283-2814

Every Sun. 11 a.m.-11 p.m. and Mon.
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Get ready to... Skate Like a Pro

Sign up for Freestyle/Flatland Skateboarding
Learn basic to advanced tricks taught by
former World Freestyle Amateur Champion
and current touring professional
John Leathers. Classes are open to ages 7
and up and the cost is \$20 per session or
\$75 for 4 sessions.

Classes are held at the Youth Center gym
and will include special skate trips
with Team "TNT" and special guest skaters
Program dates and times are as follows:

Jan. 29: 3-5 p.m.
Feb. 12: 3-5 p.m.
Feb. 26: Skatepark Trip
Mar. 12: 10-12 p.m.
Mar. 26: 10-12 p.m.
Call Andy at 283-4366
for more information.



FREESTYLE

Undersecretary to fill three leadership roles



Peter Teets

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — The undersecretary of the Air Force will fill three roles following the departure of two senior Air Force lead-

ers at the end of the month. Both Air Force Secretary Dr. James Roche and Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition Dr. Marvin Sambur leave their offices Jan. 20. Peter Teets, now serving as undersecretary of the Air Force, will assume the role of acting Secretary of the Air Force effective Thursday. Mr. Teets will also assume the responsibilities of the service's main acquisition official at that time.

Mr. Teets will continue to fulfill his responsibilities as undersecretary of the Air Force while performing his new duties. Lt. Gen. John Corley will assist by overseeing the day-to-day operations of the service's acquisition community. It is expected that Mr. Teets will continue in his new roles until the president appoints a new Air Force secretary and assistant secretary for acquisition. Mr. Teets came to the Air Force in 2001. He is re-

sponsible for all actions of the Air Force on behalf of the secretary of the Air Force and is acting secretary in the secretary's absence. In that capacity, he oversees the recruiting, training and equipping of more than 710,000 people and a budget of about \$68 billion. Mr. Teets is the retired president and chief operating officer of Lockheed Martin Corp., a position he held from 1997 through 1999.

Tyndall motorcycle requirements

Base motorcyclists will not be able to gain access to Tyndall without the following:



- In addition to the garment requirements, Tyndall members, both military and civilian, must complete a motorcycle safety course.
- To apply for training, complete an AETC Form 708, have it reviewed and approved by the unit commander and hand carry it to the 325th Fighter Wing Safety Office to enroll.
- Only those who properly coordinate classes will be financially reimbursed.
- The Beginner Rider Course and the Experienced Rider Course are available in the Tyndall area.

Personal risk management should include crosswalk safety, driver awareness

2ND LT. WILLIAM POWELL
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Looking both ways before crossing the street may seem elementary, but it has become a bigger concern recently at Tyndall.

The wing safety day Jan. 3 discovered a need to remind drivers and pedestrians of the importance of adhering to crosswalk safety guidelines.

Pedestrians reserve the right of way when crossing on crosswalks, except when emergency vehicles are approaching. However, pedestrians should never assume cars will stop in time, said Ken Jolley, 325th Ground Safety manager and chief of Occupational Safety.

“In today’s environment, pedestrians must look out for the distracted driver,” he said. “Cell phones, stereos, kids, and even DVD players may take the driver’s eyes and mind off driving. It’s not

“In today’s environment, pedestrians must look out for the distracted driver ... It’s not about who has the right of way, it’s about staying alive.”

KEN JOLLEY
325th Fighter Wing Ground Safety manager

about who has the right of way, it’s about staying alive.”

Drivers should never cause a pedestrian to hesitate or step back from a crosswalk, and pedestrians should never enter a cross-

walk so close to an approaching vehicle as to force a driver to take evasive action, Mr. Jolley continued.

“A crosswalk is not a steel wall or physical barrier that will protect the pedestrian.

Only courtesy, sound judgment, full attention to both driving the car and due care by the pedestrian prevents injuries or death,” he said.

According to Maj. Frank Howard, 325th Security Forces Squadron commander, Drivers should always exercise increased caution not only near crosswalks, but everywhere on base.

“The safe and responsible operation of any vehicle on Tyndall is important every day of the week, not just on

designated safety days,” he said. “The lack of attention, one irresponsible act or poor judgement can quickly result in a life-altering event.”

Fortunately, there have not been any reported incidents involving pedestrians; however, Major Howard added there can be penalties for both pedestrians and drivers who do not exercise proper safety measures.

“Pedestrians can be cited for obstructing or hindering the flow of traffic,” he said. “Also, if a security forces patrolman witnesses any infraction of the traffic code, the operator should expect to be pulled over, and depending on the circumstances and results of an official investigation when accidents occur, vehicle op-



2nd Lt. William Powell

Captain David Bartels, 325th Air Control Squadron instructor, crosses the street to reach the ACS building. Foot traffic is especially heavy in that area of Beacon Beach Road, and drivers are reminded to give the pedestrians the right of way.

erators can be held responsible for the incident and any injuries.”
He added drivers aren’t normally cited in instances of pedestrians choosing to cross the street at inappropriate locations.”

Tax season kicks off today, Airmen can access W-2s online



Airman 1st Class Sarah McDowell

W-2 information is available on the DFAS Web site beginning today. Airmen can now view and print their W-2s and W-2Cs before coming to the Tyndall tax center to file their 2004 tax returns.

AIRMAN 1ST CLASS
SARAH McDOWELL
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Today marks the beginning of tax season, and military members, retirees/annuitants and Defense Finance Accounting Service civilian employees can now access their W-2s and W-2Cs online from myPay.

“Accessing W-2s from myPay is the best option because it is faster,” said 1st Lt. Heidi Gregory, 325th Comptroller Squadron financial services officer. “People need only a myPay pin to gain access. If someone does not have a pin, the finance office can issue them one on the spot.”

The other option is to wait for the W-2 in the mail, which will be mailed starting Jan. 18.

Electronic filing of taxes will also be


provided to Tyndall members for free.

On Jan. 24, the Tyndall tax center will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday until April 15 in Bldg. 662, Rm. 170.

“This year the IRS requires us to verify social security numbers, so members must bring their social security cards, as well as cards for dependents they are claiming when they come to the center to have their returns done,” said Robbie Troupe, 325th Fighter Wing Base Legal Office, and tax center representative.

Additionally, those who want electronic depositing of their tax return need to bring their bank account and routing numbers with them.

For more information, you can contact the finance office at 283-4117 or visit mypay.dfas.mil.



The Gulf Defender is published for people like Airman 1st Class Steve Schjang, 325th Fighter Wing records custodian.

Commissioning program available for active-duty enlisted Airmen

STAFF SGT. CALANDRA BATTLE
Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. (AETCNS) — Second Lieutenant Christiane Makela was one step away from leaving the Air Force in 2001. At the time, she was assigned to the 56th Civil Engineer Squadron, Luke Air Force Base, Ariz., and a staff sergeant.

She changed her mind and traded her stripes for gold lieutenant bars thanks to the Airman Education and Commissioning Program.

Lieutenant Makela was commissioned through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps program at Arizona State University in 2004 and is now assigned to the 366th CES, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho.

“It was an opportunity I couldn’t afford to pass up,” she said. “I was able to go to school full time and not have to worry about financial matters due to the fact that I was still receiving a regular paycheck.”

The program offers active-duty enlisted Airmen the opportunity to attend college on a full-time basis, complete degree requirements and earn a commission through Air Force ROTC.

“Airmen selected for this program must pursue one of the Air Force’s sought-after technical de-

grees and join an Air Force ROTC program,” said Colonel Steve Wayne, Air Force ROTC national commander.

Airmen selected for the program remain on active duty and are administratively assigned to an Air Force ROTC detachment, he said. In addition to full pay and benefits, they receive a scholarship of up to \$15,000 per year for tuition and fees and an annual textbook allowance of \$600.

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2ND LT. CHRISTIANE MAKELA
366th Civil Engineer Squadron

Airmen may participate in the program for one to three years, depending on their major, prior academic preparation and age. They attend school year-round except for the one summer they attend field training.

To qualify for this program, Airmen must apply for one of the following majors:

- Meteorology.
- Nursing. Degrees must be accredited by the National League of Nursing or the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.
- Foreign languages. Choices limited to Arabic, Chinese, Persian,

Russian, Hindi, Pashto, Armenian, Georgian, Azeri, Kazakh, Indonesian, Swahili, Hebrew, French and Turkish. All other languages will be considered on a case-by-case basis based on the needs of the Air Force.

— Foreign area studies. Options limited to Middle East, Africa, Asia and Russia/Eurasia. Area studies degree programs must include a requirement for foreign language courses in the region of study.

- Mathematics.
- Physics.
- Computer science.
- Engineering. Any program and concentration accredited by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology. All technical majors at the university

the applicant plans to attend must be approved by the Air Force Institute of Technology.

The application deadline is March 1, and the selection board meets in April with results released in early May. Those selected will start their studies and Air Force ROTC participation in the fall 2005 academic term.

For eligibility requirements and more information, visit the base education office or go to the AFROTC section of the Air Force Officer and Accessions’ military-restricted Web site at <http://afoats.maxwell.af.mil>.





2nd Lt. William Powell

The 43rd Fighter Squadron welcomed five new members to the Raptor family after pilots arrived Jan. 7. The aircraft were flown from the Lockheed Martin assembly facility in Marietta, Ga. The jets bring Tyndall's total number of F/A-22s to 18.

Tyndall welcomes new Raptors

CAPT. SUSAN A. ROMANO
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Tyndall Air Force Base welcomed the arrival of five new F/A-22 Raptors from the Lockheed-Martin Aeronautics plant in Marietta, Ga., Jan. 7, increasing its inventory to 18 aircraft.

"The Raptor is an amazing weapon," said Lt. Col. Michael Stapleton, 43rd Fighter Squadron com-

mander. "The unique combination of stealth, precision and supercruise gives us the capability to guarantee access for joint air and ground operations, even against the most robust surface to air threats we expect to fight today and in the future."

Tyndall is home to the 43rd FS, the world's first F/A-22 squadron charged with training U.S. Air

Force F/A-22 pilots. The Raptor is the U.S. Air Force's premiere fighter and multi-role aircraft, designed to perform both air-to-air and air-to-ground combat missions.

The Raptor has elevated U.S. technological advantages and updates 1970s technology, using stealth, integrated avionics, maneuverability and supercruise capability.

Area Defense Counsel working to protect Airmen

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The goal of the Tyndall Area Defense Counsel office is to provide the best possible legal defense services in accordance with the Air Force Military Defense Counsel Charter.

ADC provides a variety of services ranging from assisting members with responses to letters of reprimand, Article 15 proceedings, reports of survey, rights advisements and referral enlisted and officer performance reports, to representation for flying evaluation boards, discharge boards and court-martial actions.

The defense team is independent. They do not work for the wing commander, staff judge advocate or any commander on base. The ADC of-

fice works for the Air Force Legal Service Agency at Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D.C., and thier job is to represent the interests of Airmen.

Clients of the ADC office are afforded attorney/client privilege, meaning everything they say to members of the ADC staff is strictly confidential.

The ADC office is located in building 1287, behind the resale lot next to the Base Education Center.

Remember Airmen have the right to remain silent and the right to speak to an attorney before making a written or verbal statement.

If you find yourself concerned about possible actions or allegations against you or have questions about what services the ADC can provide, call 283-2911.

